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**Subject:** Vegetative Debris Eligible for Removal from December 20, 2013 Ice Storm

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Press Release

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The City of Norman is continuing its recovery process following the winter storm that began Friday, December 20, 2013 causing significant tree damage throughout Norman. In order to remove the fallen vegetation, the City began providing ice-storm related debris removal from the street rights-of-way (generally the area 15 feet behind the edge of the street) for residents on January 2, 2014.

“Norman’s recovery process from the December 20, 2013 Ice Storm is going very well. Up to eight different City crews have been working long hours throughout the holidays to remove and dispose of storm-related debris. The cooperation and patience of our citizens and property owners have been outstanding throughout the process, but we’ve recently noticed that there may be some confusion among both homeowners and contractors regarding which type of debris is eligible for removal as part of our Ice Storm debris pickup. Only vegetative debris related to the recent Ice Storm is eligible for pickup as part of our Ice Storm – related efforts. Any debris associated with other tree trimming activities will need to be disposed of through the normal debris removal channels”, said Shawn O’Leary, City of Norman Public Works Director.

In an effort to clarify what types of vegetative debris will be eligible for removal due to ice storm damage, the City of Norman requests additional cooperation from citizens on the following:

1. Only the vegetative debris that fell during the December 20, 2013, Ice Storm is eligible for collection and disposal by the City of Norman. Debris related to general tree maintenance and/or removal is not eligible for pick-up as part of the storm debris removal.
2. If residents have hired private contractors to remove trees from their property, the contractor is responsible for the disposal of the tree as part of their service. The City may choose not to collect and dispose of vegetative debris that was not the result of the December 20, 2013 ice storm. In that case, the resident or contractor will be expected to dispose of the additional debris in the public rights-of-way in a reasonable period of time.
3. Please do not place refuse (trash, furniture, appliances, construction debris) in the public rights-of-way for disposal by the City Debris Removal Crews. For all non-storm related, non-vegetative debris, please use the regular City Sanitation Services or special refuse services.

4. It is not possible to schedule debris removal on specific properties at specific times or days. Multiple debris removal crews are working throughout Norman neighborhoods. The first pass of debris removal for the entire city will take place in 14 calendar days or no later than January 16, 2014. Thank you for your patience.
5. In Rural East Norman (east of 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue East), some neighborhoods contain private streets that are not accessible by city debris removal crews. If the neighborhood is currently served by City Sanitation services, then the City Debris Removal Crews will collect debris curbside. If the neighborhood is not served by City Sanitation services, then the City Debris Removal Crews will collect storm debris along the nearest public street.
6. Only residential properties (single-family or duplex) and not-for-profit properties (churches, etc) are eligible for debris removal from the December 20, 2013 Ice Storm. No commercial, industrial, or institutional properties will be provided debris removal services by the City of Norman. This material can be disposed of at the City of Norman Compost Facility located at 398 Bratcher Miner Road if the limbs are no longer than 4' lengths and 2" in diameter at no cost. Larger debris may be disposed of for a fee at the City's Solid Waste Transfer Station located at 3901 Chautauqua Avenue.
7. If property is damaged during the ice storm debris removal process, please contact the City Street Division at (405)329-2524 to file a claim.

Please contact the Action Center at (405) 366-5396 or the City Public Works Department at (405) 366-5452 with any questions. Additional information can be found on the City website – [www.normanok.gov](http://www.normanok.gov).

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